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**"AN ACT CONCERNING TEACHER CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR SHORTAGE AREAS, INTERSTATE AGREEMENTS FOR TEACHER CERTIFICATION RECIPROCITY, MINORITY TEACHER RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION AND CULTURAL COMPETENCY INSTRUCTION."**

1 In line 67, after the closing bracket, insert "have fulfilled post  
2 preparation assessments as approved by the commissioner,"

3 In line 73, after "certificate" strike " , "

4 In line 74, strike "provisional educator certificate or professional  
5 educator certificate"

6 Strike sections 5 and 6 in their entirety and renumber the remaining  
7 sections and internal references accordingly

8 Strike section 7 in its entirety and insert the following in lieu thereof:

9 "Sec. 7. (*Effective from passage*) (a) There is established a task force to

10 study and develop strategies to increase and improve the recruitment,  
11 preparation and retention of minority teachers, as defined in section  
12 10-155/ of the general statutes, in public schools in the state. Such study  
13 shall include, but need not be limited to, an examination of current  
14 state-wide and school district demographics and a review of best  
15 practices.

16 (b) The task force shall consist of the following members:

17 (1) One appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives;

18 (2) One appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate;

19 (3) One appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
20 Representatives, who shall be a member of the Black and Puerto Rican  
21 Caucus of the General Assembly;

22 (4) One appointed by the majority leader of the Senate;

23 (5) One appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
24 Representatives;

25 (6) One appointed by the minority leader of the Senate;

26 (7) The Commissioner of Education, or the commissioner's designee;

27 (8) The president of the Board of Regents for Higher Education, or  
28 the president's designee;

29 (9) The executive director of the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs  
30 Commission, or the executive director's designee;

31 (10) The executive director of the African-American Affairs  
32 Commission, or the executive director's designee; and

33 (11) The executive director of the Commission on Children, or the  
34 executive director's designee.

35 (c) Any member of the task force appointed under subdivision (1),

36 (2), (3), (4), (5) or (6) of subsection (b) of this section may be a member  
37 of the General Assembly.

38 (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
39 thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be  
40 filled by the appointing authority.

41 (e) The speaker of the House of Representatives and the president  
42 pro tempore of the Senate shall select the chairpersons of the task force  
43 from among the members of the task force. Such chairpersons shall  
44 schedule the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not  
45 later than sixty days after the effective date of this section.

46 (f) The administrative staff of the joint standing committee of the  
47 General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to education  
48 shall serve as administrative staff of the task force.

49 (g) Not later than February 1, 2016, the task force shall submit a  
50 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
51 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
52 relating to education, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-  
53 4a of the general statutes. The task force shall terminate on the date  
54 that it submits such report or February 1, 2016, whichever is later."

55 In line 207, after "2015," insert "within available appropriations,"